

THE JOURNEY HOME

Baltimore City's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Baltimore Home for Good Campaign **75 Journeys Home**

Community Briefing
February 1, 2013



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**100,000
HOMES**

Welcome

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

Opening Remarks

Kate Briddell, Mayor's Office of Human Services,
Homeless Services Program

Overview of the Baltimore Home for Good Campaign

Gabby Knighton, Mayor's Office of Human
Services, Homeless Services Program

Mark Slater, Baltimore Mental Health Systems

The **75 Journeys Home** initiative is facilitated by the Mayor's Office of Human Services – Homeless Services Program in partnership with the **Baltimore Home for Good Campaign**, which champions a key strategy of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness: to ensure that chronic and vulnerable homeless people are effectively identified and helped to attain and maintain permanent housing.

The Home for Good Campaign has met monthly since April 2012 and includes approximately 30 regular attendees, from 20 organizations, including private citizens, non-profits, and government agencies.

Home for Good Campaign Planning Group Members

- MOHS-HSP (facilitator)
- Baltimore Mental Health Systems
- Housing Authority of Baltimore City
- Veterans Affairs
- Homeless Persons Representation Project
- United Way of Central Maryland
- Project PLASE
- YES Drop-in Center
- People Encouraging People
- YWCA
- HealthCare Access Maryland
- Healthcare for the Homeless
- Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods
- Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems
- Jobs, Housing & Recovery
- Downtown Partnership
- Catholic Charities
- Bon Secours Homeless Outreach Program
- St. Vincent de Paul
- At Jacob's Well

Short-term goal: House the City's 75 most vulnerable homeless people.

Long-term goal: End chronic homelessness by building capacity among housing and service providers to better serve chronic and vulnerable homeless people.

Housing and Service Providers

The Home for Good Campaign has been working since April to obtain commitments from housing providers to find permanent placements for the 75 most vulnerable people identified.

21 organizations have committed to the initiative,
for a total of 74-96 permanent housing placements
and 36-40 transitional placements!

Earl's Place	Housing Authority of Baltimore	Women Accepting Responsibility
Volunteers of America- Pratt House	Health Care for the Homeless	St. Vincent de Paul
Salvation Army- Booth House	AIRS	Veterans Affairs
Supportive Housing Group	Women's Housing Coalition	GEDCO
Jobs, Housing, and Recovery	St. Ambrose HAC	Community Housing Associates
YWCA	People Encouraging People	Marian House
Project PLASE	MOHS-HSP	

Housing and Service Providers Supporting this Initiative

- Corliss Alston, Housing Authority of Baltimore
- Jesse Vazzano, VA Capitol Health Care Network (VISN 5)
- Achike Oranye, People Encouraging People
- Michelle Ewert, Homeless Persons Representation Project

We are the Baltimore City chapter of the
national 100,000 Homes campaign.

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HOMES**

For 100,000 homeless
Americans by July 2013

www.100khomes.org

What is the 100K Homes Campaign?

- A movement of communities with the shared aim of finding and housing 100,000 of the most long-term and vulnerable homeless people in America by July 2014. (Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oktEUZyRog> or CD.)



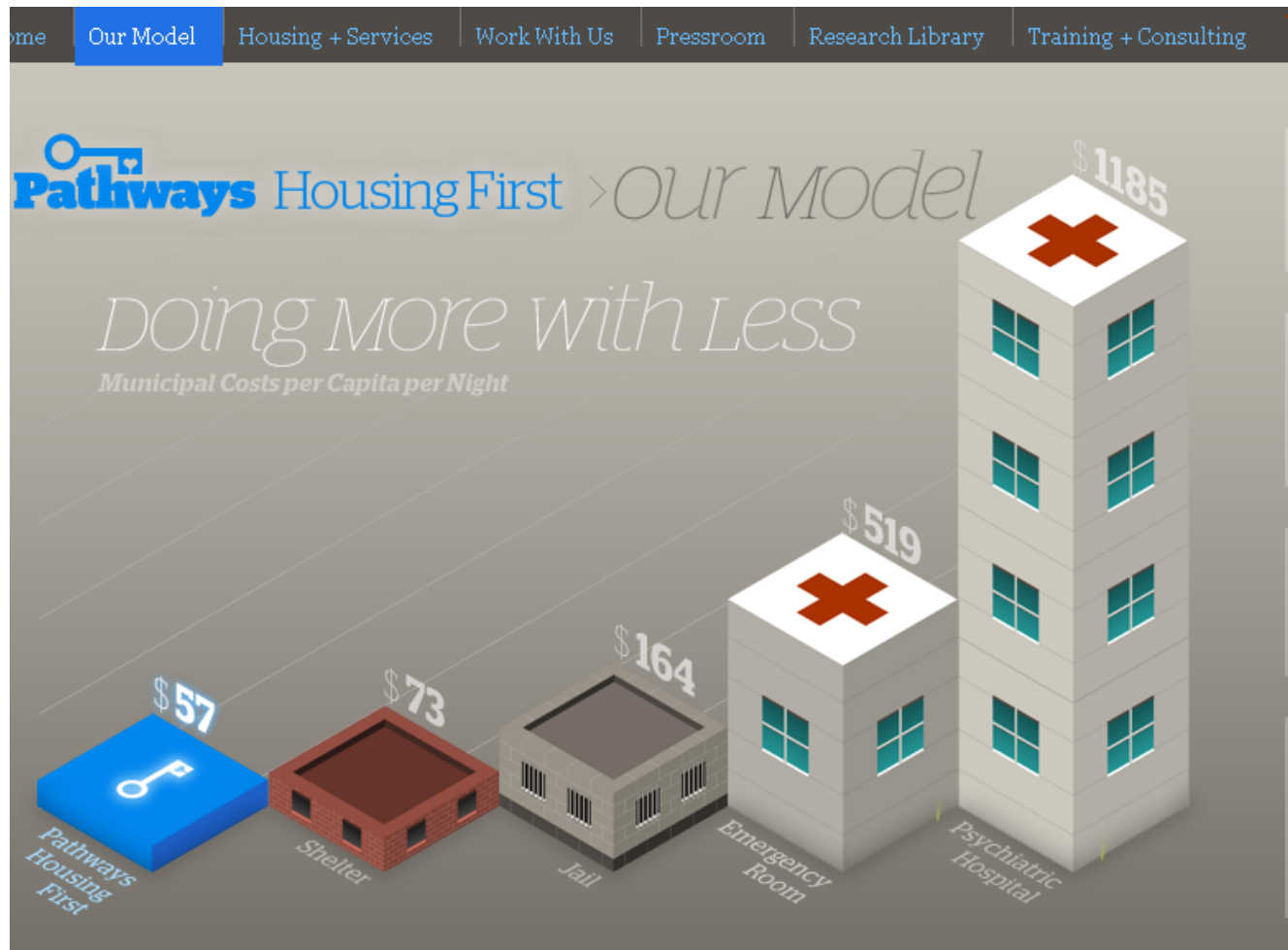
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Vulnerability Index

- Used to target **permanent supportive housing subsidies** to people who need them most, i.e. those most at risk of dying and those who would remain homeless the longest without this type of assistance.
- Based on research into mortality in the homeless population. Includes risk factors such as: kidney/liver disease, history of hypothermia, ER/hospital visits, etc.
- Additional risk factors for families (e.g. disabilities of household members) and youth under 25 (e.g. ever used injection needles or drank every day for the past month).
- Used in Baltimore since 2010.

Cost of Housing First versus Cost of Homelessness



Progress

Progress

(updated 1/30/13)

Campaign Goal to House	100,000
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People Housed	28,385
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Communities Participating	184
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Days Remaining	547
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HOMES**

National Partners

100,000 Homes Campaign endorsing partners

The following organizations have officially endorsed the 100,000 Homes Campaign, supporting the efforts of communities across the country through their national partnership. We are extremely grateful for their support and leadership:



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Don't miss our founder, Rosanne Haggerty, breaking down the vulnerability numbers at huffingtonpost.com!

**Crunching the Numbers in the Fight to End Homelessness**
www.huffingtonpost.com
The number of homeless people on America's streets is morally indefensible, over 600,000 on any given night. Even more startling is how little we have historically known about this population.
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 **100,000 Homes Campaign**
Good morning, Campaign! Today's housing total is 10,571. That's 1,000 new placements in about a month. Keep it going!
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 **Jeff Shaffer** 12 in SB thus far, and more coming - thanks for leading the way everyone else in the USA
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We are organizing "75 Journeys Home" a massive project to identify Baltimore City's 75 most vulnerable homeless people and find homes for them beginning in January 2013

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75 Journeys Home Week

- **Outdoor Surveys** – volunteers canvassed the streets all over the City between 4 a.m. 6 a.m. Monday through Wednesday.
- **Site-based Surveys** – volunteers administered surveys in shelters, drop-in centers, housing programs, substance abuse programs, at DSS offices, and in the jail Monday through Wednesday.

Volunteer Experiences



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- Rachel Libelo, YWCA
- Makkah Agara, Housing Authority of Baltimore
- Jared Bunde
- Whitney Swander, Mayor's Office of Human Services – Homeless Services Program
- Jacqui Robarge, Power Inside
- Sabriya Linton

Preliminary Data

Total homeless individuals counted so far
(indoors and outdoors): **636**

Total surveys: **594**

Outdoor count: **233** (**191** surveys and **42**
tallies)

Site-based count (so far): **403** surveys

Homeless for more than 6 months: **471**
Total “highly vulnerable”: **145**
Chronically homeless single adults: **157**

A chronically homeless person is someone with a disability who has been homeless for over a year or 4 or more times in the last 3 years.

- Families (so far): **35**

Chronically homeless
families: **3**

- Total unaccompanied youth
under 25 (so far) : **20**
- Total unaccompanied youth
under 18 (so far): **0**

Note: Families and youth are more likely to be encountered at service providers than outdoors.
Not all service provider data was submitted in time for the preliminary analysis.

Total over 55: **129**

- People who reported 3 or more ER visits in the past 3 months: **151**
- People who reported 3 or more hospitalizations in the last year: **85**
- People who reported a history of hypothermia: **42**

Man Interviewed Tuesday during the outdoor count

- Age 61
- 5 years living on the streets
- History of substance abuse and mental illness
- Disability which makes it difficult to get or keep a job
- Permanent physical condition which makes it hard to get around
- Kidney disease
- Emphysema
- 3 or more ER visits in the last 3 months
- 2 hospital admissions in the past year
- Victim of a violent attack

Man Interviewed Monday at the Housing and Resource Center

- Age 58
- 1.5 years of homelessness
- Overdosed within past year
- History of mental illness
- Disability which makes it difficult to get or keep a job
- Extensive medical problems including liver & heart disease, diabetes, cold weather injuries, heat stroke, hepatitis C & HIV/AIDS
- 3 or more ER visits in last 3 months & 3 or more hospital admissions in past year
- Victim of a violent attack

Woman Interviewed Monday at Sarah's Hope

- Mother of four children, three currently living with her & one who would be if she had housing
- Age 26
- Currently pregnant
- 5 years without a stable place to live
- Overdosed within the past year
- Bipolar
- 3 or more ER visits in last 3 months & 1 hospital admission in past year
- Victim of a violent attack
- She has been in jail & foster care

- Now, outreach workers will begin hitting the streets to engage the 75 most vulnerable people, connect them with these housing placements, and connect them with supportive services to help them maintain housing.
- The Home for Good Campaign will monitor and facilitate this process and support the outreach workers in assisting these 75 people to overcome barriers in the referral process.

Next Steps: What can we do as a community?

Chuck Tildon, United Way of Central Maryland

Thank you for your partnership
in the effort to end
homelessness in Baltimore
City!